Discussion Guide

Bound by Love
November 8, 2026

PART 1: RECAP. HAVE SOMEONE READ THIS OUT LOUD.

This last week we started Colossians 3, where Paul tells us to set our minds on things above rather than on worldly things. Now, as we move through this chapter, our passage this week is all about who we are in Christ. One of the main themes we see in this passage is that the clearest identifier of your faith in Jesus should be the love you show.

- Who do people think you look like? (A celebrity, family members, etc.)

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PART 2: HAVE SOMEONE READ COLOSSIANS 3:9-14 OUT LOUD. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS AS A GROUP.

- What does it mean to "put off the old self" and "put on the new self"? How should this change the way we live as Christians? (vv. 9-10)
- What do you think Paul means when he writes, "Christ is all, and is in all?" How might this challenge the way in which we divide people? (v. 11)
- Why do you think Paul describes these virtues as something to be put on my Christians? (vv. 12-13)
- How do compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness (strength under control), and patience work together in the Church? What happens to a Church when these qualities are absent? (vv. 12-13)

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PART 3: REFLECT. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS TOGETHER.

- How does Christ see you? Do you see others the same way?
- Would others describe you as humble? Why or why not?
- Is there someone in your life you need to forgive or ask for forgiveness from?
- Is love the foundation of your virtues or is something else? What fruit is love producing in your life?

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KEY VERSE:
Colossians 3:14
“And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.”

NEXT STEPS:

- Who do you need to forgive?
- Who do you need to love?
- Who do you need to treat differently?
- Who do you need to see differently?